

CAPT David R. Pine

Chief of Staff, Joint Headquarters Transition Team

Captain David R. Pine is the son of a Navy Chief Petty Officer.

Captain Pine graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1982 with a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering. He was designated a Naval Aviator upon completion of flight training in August 1984.

Captain Pine started his Naval Aviation service flying the F-14A Tomcat and deploying to the Mediterranean and Indian Oceans with the *Bedevilers* of VF-74 in USS SARATOGA (CV 60).



His follow-on assignment was instructor pilot with the *Grim Reapers* of VF-101. Among other duties he served as the Air to Ground Phase Leader and was charged with development of the ground and flight syllabus for the new air to ground capabilities of the "Bomb-Cat".

Captain Pine next served with the *Diamondbacks* of VF-102 embarked in USS AMERICA (CV 66). In this assignment he served as both Operations and Maintenance Officer deploying three times in three years including combat deployments in support of Operations DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM as well as support to Operation PROVIDE PROMISE.

Halfway through his third deployment he was ordered to the Naval War College.

Captain Pine graduated with distinction from the College of Command and Staff with a Master of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies.

He then served as the CONUS Exercise Coordinator on the staff of Deputy Commander US Naval Forces Central Command at Macdill AFB, Florida. During this assignment he was selected for operational Fighter Squadron Command.

Captain Pine served as Executive Officer and Commanding Officer of the VF-31 *Tomcatters* flying the F-14D aircraft.

During this assignment he and his squadron made two deployments to the Arabian Gulf aboard the USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72) participating in Operation SOUTHERN WATCH. While in command his squadron earned both the Safety "S" and Battle "E" awards.

Following his command tour, Captain Pine entered the Navy Nuclear Power Program and culminated with his assignment as Executive Officer of USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN 71).

Captain Pine then was assigned as Commanding Officer of USS SHREVEPORT (LPD 12). During this assignment his command deployed in support of Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief efforts in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

Captain Pine is currently assigned as the Chief of Staff to the Deputy Commanding General Joint Headquarters Transition Team, Multi-National Security Transition Command – Iraq.

He has accumulated over 3,000 flight hours and 880 arrested landings. His awards include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, Navy Commendation Medal and various unit and campaign decorations.